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SUBJECT: NATO STUDY OF PRESS TRENDS

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1. PRESS GENERALLY VIEWS PURPORTED SALT II TREATY AS
"RETREAT" FROM MARCH POSITION. BOTH PRO-SALT AND ANTI-
SALT COMMENTATORS SEE U.S. MAKING VIRTUALLY ALL CONCES-
SIONS. GREATEST CONCERN: LIMITS ON CRUISE WITHOUT
CURBS ON SOVIET HEAVY MISSILES.

2. PRESS REPORTS NATO ALLIES FEAR CRUISE LIMITS "FORE-
CLOSE NATO OPTIONS." WALL STREET JOURNAL CALLS CRUISE
LIMITS "DEMORALIZING" TO NATO. ATLANTA JOURNAL THINKS
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"VIEWS OF ALLIES SHOULD HAVE MORE WEIGHT THAN VIEWS OF
SOVIET UNION" IN CRUISE DECISION. LOS ANGELES TIMES
CALLS CRUISE LIMITS "CONCESSION AT (ALLIES') EXPENSE."

3. PREPONDERANCE OF PRESS BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD BE
"ALERT BUT NOT ALARMED" ABOUT EUROCOMMUNISM, SEES DIS-
ARRAY IN LEFTIST RANKS, AND THREAT TO SOVIETS FROM

"INDEPENDENT" EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS OFFENDED BY HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. CONSERVATIVE PRESS DISMISSES AS "ILLUSION" IDEA THAT EUROCOMMUNISTS "DIFFERENT" FROM

SOVIETS, SEES PARTICIPATION IN NATO GOVERNMENTS AS "TROJAN HORSE."

4. CONSERVATIVE PRESS CONCERNED ABOUT EVANS AND NOVAK REPORT THAT PRM-10 "CONCEDES" ONE-THIRD OF GERMANY TO SOVIETS. CHARACTERIZES CONCEPT AS "DEFEATIST" AND DRAFTERS AS "STARRY-EYED AMATEURS." PRESS DIVIDED ON NEUTRON BOMB: PREPONDERANCE FAVORS DEPLOYMENT AFTER ALLIES' CONCURRENCE. CRITICS CALL BOMB "CRAZY" (BALTIMORE SUN) OR "STRATEGICALLY SUPERFLUOUS" (JOHN ROCHE).

5. LITTLE RECENT COMMENT ON FORCE REDUCTION. VANCE

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